

The Pulpit

A SERMON
BY THE REV.
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Subject: The Church and the World.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Preaching at the Irving Square Presbyterian Church, on the theme, "The Church and the World," the Rev. Ira W. Henderson, pastor, took as his text Is. 2:3, "Come ye, to the house of the God of Jacob."

He said: The work of the church is properly definable in universal terms alone. The church has no partial mission. It has no restricted message.

Its field is the world, and its opportunities are as wide as the universe and as diversified as nature. The wide expanse of the earth as it stretches eastward and westward, from frozen land to frozen land, is the sphere of the church's activities. Only as the church of Jesus Christ accepts her universal responsibilities and honestly engages to transform the world is she true to the commission that she has received under God through Jesus Christ. Just in the measure that her message is partial the church is a partial failure. For the universal concepts of Christian truth are the strength of the church. Her universals constitute her compelling appeal. It is only because Jesus had a world wide, an eternal vision of the needs and the possibilities of humanity under the providence of God that He has any claim upon the world at large. And it is only because the church has a treasury of truth preserved to her through Jesus that today she has a claim to universal attention and to a universal hearing. The moment that the church ceases to declare truth that is universal in its application that moment the church ceases to be a universal factor.

We must be unconquered by national boundaries or by geographical divisions or by ecclesiastical distinctions if the church of Jesus Christ is to do Christ's work. We are capable of securing and of retaining universal sway over the lives of humanity because of our universals. For they appeal to men in every age and in every land regardless of their color, their creed, their caste.

The Christian church has a universal revelation, a universal message, a universal mission, a universal opportunity, a universal responsibility.

The church has in Jesus Christ a universal revelation that is the fundamental upon which all else in the Christian system is upreared. Everywhere and always men have recognized that there are limits to the comprehension of divinity by the finite mind when unaided by a revelation from on high. Men have been conscious that while they were able to know God partially through the media of the senses and to formulate in some measure ideas of divinity through the power of human intelligence, they have been finitely unable to know God to the entire satisfaction of their souls until God has revealed Himself to them. There has always been a desire upon the part of humanity for a revelation of Himself to them. And the desire has not been always the full content of the divine self-revelation, but it has never been without a revelation from God. Before the days of Jesus men had only a partial consciousness of the character, of the personality of divinity. Multitudes have no full comprehension of God to-day. And it is to the world that has the light of half the truth to which the church to-day must address herself. For the revelation of God in Jesus Christ is a universal revelation. The truth that is revealed in Jesus is supplemental to all that humanity outside of Him now knows. Wherever there is a soul that is longing for a knowledge of the truth concerning God there is the field of the church. The revelation of God in Jesus Christ is universal in its outreach because it meets a universal need, is universally satisfying, is universally intelligible, is universally the culmination of revealed truth.

The church has a universal message. The sense of sin is a universal consciousness. Likewise the realization of human incapacity to deliver self from the bondage of sin is universal. Everywhere men acknowledge the need of a Saviour. The longing of every heart is that it shall experience a salvation from sin that is satisfying, sufficient and eternal. The church of Jesus offers just that. Its message is that of the universality and the reality of sin, its consequences and its woe. The church declares that humanity cannot unaided from above free itself from sin. It proclaims the necessity of a Redeemer. It offers a sure, a comforting, an everlasting salvation by the gift of God in the personality of Jesus Christ. And this salvation is not restricted. It is not conditioned by any captious commands. It is not confined to any class. Whosoever will may come. It is for all men. And if the church will declare this universal message the church will receive a universal hearing. We cannot do God's work with any less message. It is useless to trim it or to pare it or to endeavor to change it in any essential manner. It is God's message in Christ. It is universal.

The universal mission of the church is to carry this universal message to the whole world. The church has a national mission to the land to which it goes and to the land in which it is; but it has more than this. It has a mission to all lands, a mission that shall lead it to fit the Gospel to the peculiar necessities of the peoples to whom it is declared. But it has a larger mission even than this. It has a mission to all lands and to every people to declare unto the nations the truth of God that we are all of one flesh and blood and that the interest of each man is the interest of the world; that the welfare of one people is the concern of all the peoples; that individual and national lives are to be transformed by the grace of God not for the mere sake of individual and national salvation, but for the

larger purpose that a racial salvation may become effective. All of which is to say simply this, that the mission of the church in the world is to lead individuals and nations everywhere and in all times to a proper understanding of the truth that salvation is in the last analysis racial and universal. The Lord Jesus Christ died for the salvation of the world, and a Gospel that does not declare the plan of God to save the race as the ultimate in Christian truth has fallen short of the whole counsel of God to the world. The church has a divine call to spread this message to the whole world. This is the universal mission of the church.

The opportunity of the church is universal. The church has a chance to do the work for Christ at home. It has a chance also to do valiant service for the Master abroad as well. The influx of aliens into America presents a foreign mission problem and opportunity to the church in the homeland. To our shores there are rushing millions of men and women and children from the four corners of the earth. The list of the nationalities that have come to make their abode with us is startling. They are of all classes and adherents to a multitude of creeds. The languages that are spoken round about us remind us of the confusion of tongues at the tower of Babel. The nationalities of the peoples remind us of the famous congregation that heard Peter at Pentecost. And all these peoples flocking to our shores provide the greatest opportunity that any church can conceive or that any church has had forced upon it. If we can so mould these diverse peoples into the unity of the Christian fellowship and fuse their minds and hearts and souls with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ so that they shall seek righteousness before all else in life, then shall we have accomplished the mightiest work that any church ever undertook. The opportunity of the church at home is sublime. It is no less stupendous abroad. The very evils that in an economic way are afflicting the peoples on the other side of the world are the opportunity of the church of Jesus Christ.

The awful famine in China and the like catastrophes in Russia and in other parts of the world are the opportunity of the church. Heretofore altogether too largely in the heathen (so-called) mind Christianity has been inseparably associated and linked with opium and whisky and beer and infidelity and aggression and aggrandizement. The nations of the East have felt the curse of the Christian civilizations of the Occident. And mistaking the wickedness of civilization's representatives for the simple truth of Jesus Christ they have had very little sympathy with Christianity. And we cannot be too harsh in our judgment of them. But happily this feeling of antagonism is passing slowly away. And if in this hour of their need America and the Christian nations of the West shall show the Chinese the spirit of helpfulness and of disinterested service in the name and under the ministry of Jesus Christ we may open the way to the conquering of China for Jesus. And what is true of China is true of other lands. The conditions may be different, but the opportunity is the same. We are on the threshold of a universal awakening the like of which the world has never seen before. It is the opportunity of the church and it is universal.

In the face of this opportunity the church has universal responsibilities. It is impossible for us to fold our hands in selfish ease and be true to the command of our Master. The responsibility of the church at home is so to transform America that it shall be a safe haven for the oppressed, the ambitious of every land. We must make America fit to do the work that God has destined her to perform. The church is under a divinely imposed obligation to transform the world. And first of all we must transform the individuals in the world. We need also a social transformation. But no social transformation is at all possible until we shall have gotten the individuals right with God. No man will have a realizing sense of his social obligations until he has had his soul thrilled with the salvation of God in Jesus Christ. Contrariwise, while we are saving individuals we ought not to relax our efforts to reform society so that we shall have no evil economic or political conditions. This transformation must be not only moral; it must be also religious. No mere system of ethics will ever keep the world straight. Men must have a firm grip on the religious verities before than can be sure of themselves or the world be sure of them. The universal responsibility of the church is under the guidance and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to effect these transformations.

The church must accept these responsibilities. She cannot do otherwise. Possessed of her vision of the Lord and blessed with an experimental realization of the effectiveness of His Gospel it is her duty as it ought to be her joy to accept the opportunities for eternal service that the Lord has prepared for her and measure up to them.

"Knowledge Puffeth Up; Love Buildeth Up."

We may be able to tell how many stars are in the Milky Way; we may be able to count the petals of every flower, and number the bones of every bird; but unless faith leads us to a deeper understanding, a more reverent comprehension of the significance of the universe, God can no more be pleased with our knowledge than the painter is pleased with the fly which touches his picture with its feelers, and slips the varnish from the surface, and dies without dreaming of the meaning, thought, feeling, embodied in the colors.—Van Dyke.

Man's Chief End.

The older I grow—and now I stand on the brink of eternity—the more comes back to me that sentence in the Catechism which I learned when a child, and the fuller and deeper its meaning becomes. "What is the chief end of man?" To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.—Thomas Carlyle.

A Lazy Liver

May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as a savage thing to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work. So in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs. A torpid liver is but an indication of an ill-nourished, enfeebled body whose organs are weary with overwork. Start with the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in working order and see how quickly your liver will become active. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvelous cures of "liver trouble" by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stomach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from poisonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs.

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"Please let me have it," he pleaded. "I might just as well try to play the races without money as without that horse chestnut. I can't lose if I carry it." When it was restored to him he seemed more glad to get it back than he was to obtain his discharge from custody.

Simpson and W. G. Martin, a sailor on the cruiser Washington, at League Island, were arrested at Twelfth and Commerce streets. Simpson had a racing book in his hand, in which he had made a record of a \$5 bet on a horse running at the Benning track. As the police had seen no exchange of money between the men, Magistrate Gallagher allowed Simpson to go with a warning.—Philadelphia Ledger.

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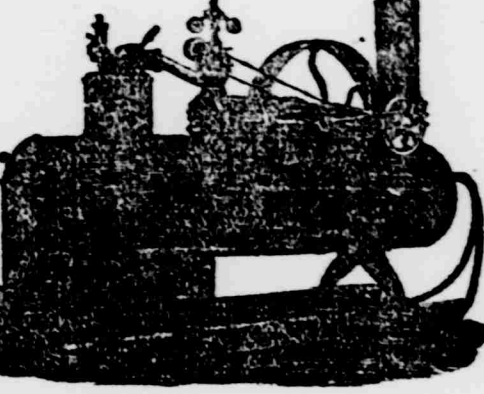


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